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**2009 ELECTIONS CALENDAR**

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**JANUARY**

- 9<sup>th</sup>** (5:00 P.M.) Campaign Finance Report: Periodic report (October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008) due for judicial candidates and judicial committees only. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)ii*)
- 26<sup>th</sup>** (5:00 P.M.) Qualifying Deadline: Deadline for Municipal Separate School District Trustee (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-7-203; 37-7-209 and 37-7-211*)
- 30<sup>th</sup>** (5:00 P.M.) Campaign Finance Report: Annual report (January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008) due for all candidates and all political committees that have not terminated their reporting obligations. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807*)

**MARCH**

- 6<sup>th</sup>** (5:00 P.M.) Qualifying Deadline: Deadline to file qualifying fee and statement of intent (or petition, if qualifying as an independent candidate) with the Municipal Clerk. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-309(1) and 23-15-361(1)*)
- 7<sup>th</sup>** **ELECTION DAY**: School board trustee positions. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-7-215*)
- 20<sup>th</sup>** Statement of Economic Interest: File with Mississippi Ethics Commission *Miss. Code Ann. § 25-4-29*) Non-incumbents must file within 15 days after qualifying. Incumbents must file a statement on or before May 1<sup>st</sup>.

- 21<sup>th</sup> Absentee ballots: Municipalities which conduct party primaries have absentee ballots for the primary available on and after March 21<sup>th</sup>. Absentee ballots for the general election in such municipalities must be prepared as soon as possible after party nominees are determined, but not before May 5<sup>th</sup>. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-715(a)*)
- 21<sup>th</sup> **RUNOFF ELECTION**: School board trustee positions. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-7-215*)
- 30<sup>th</sup> Voter Registration: Municipal Clerkø offices remain open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day from Mar 30<sup>st</sup> until April 3<sup>rd</sup> for voter registration. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37(2)*)

## APRIL

- 4<sup>nd</sup> (NOON) Voter Registration Deadline: Municipal Clerkø office open until noon. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37*)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Absentee ballots: Municipalities which do not conduct party primaries have absentee ballots for the general election prepared and available on and after April 20<sup>th</sup>, if the municipal clerkø office is normally not open on Saturdays. If the clerkø office is normally open on Saturdays, then absentee ballots for the general election are prepared and available on and after April 18<sup>th</sup>. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-715(a)*)
- 25<sup>th</sup> (NOON) Absentee ballots: Municipal Clerkø office open until noon for absentee voting if a primary is being held. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653*)
- 27<sup>th</sup> Voter Registration: Municipal Clerkø offices may remain open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day from today April 27<sup>th</sup> until May 1<sup>st</sup> for voter registration. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37(2)*)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Campaign Finance Report: Pre-Primary election campaign finance report due at Municipal Clerkø office. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-805 and 23-15-807(b)(i)*)

## MAY

- 1<sup>st</sup> Statement of Economic Interest: Deadline for incumbents to file with the Mississippi Ethics Commission. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 25-4-29(a)*)

2<sup>nd</sup> Municipal Clerk's office open until noon. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-653*)

2<sup>nd</sup> (NOON) Voter Registration: Deadline for General Election. Municipal Clerk's office open until noon for voter registration (and absentee voting, if a runoff is being held). (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-37 and 23-15-653*)

4<sup>th</sup> (5 p.m.) Absentee Ballots: Deadline for receipt of mailed absentee ballots by the Municipal Clerk in order to be counted for Primary Election. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-631(c)*)

5<sup>th</sup> **PRIMARY ELECTION** (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-171*)

12<sup>th</sup> Campaign Finance Report: Pre-runoff election reports due. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-805 and 23-15-807(b)(i)*); Runoff candidates only.

16<sup>th</sup> (NOON) Absentee Ballots: Deadline for casting absentee ballots for second primary election in Municipal Clerk's office. Municipal Clerk's office open until noon, if a runoff is being held. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-715 and 23-15-653*)

18<sup>th</sup> (5:00 P.M.) Absentee Ballots: Deadline for receipt of mailed absentee ballots by the Municipal Clerk in order to be counted for second primary election. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-631*)

19<sup>th</sup> **RUNOFF ELECTION** (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-171*)

23<sup>rd</sup> Absentee Ballots: Municipal Clerk's office open until noon for absentee voting. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653*)

26<sup>th</sup> Campaign Finance Report: Pre-General election Campaign finance report due. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-805 and 23-15-807*)

30<sup>th</sup> (NOON) Absentee Ballots: Deadline for casting absentee ballots for general election in Municipal Clerk's office. Municipal Clerk's office open until noon. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-715 and 23-15-631*)

## **JUNE**

**1<sup>st</sup>** (5:00 P.M.) Absentee Ballots: Deadline for receipt of mailed absentee ballots by the Municipal Clerk in order to be counted for general election. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-631(c)*)

**2<sup>nd</sup>** **GENERAL ELECTION** (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-173*)

## **JULY**

**6<sup>th</sup>** Municipal officers terms begin. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 21-15-1 and 21-15-39*)

## **AUGUST**

**5<sup>th</sup>** Qualifying Period: First day of qualifying for Consolidated/Consolidated Line School District Trustees. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 37-7-225*)

## **SEPTEMBER**

**4<sup>th</sup>** (5:00 P.M.) Deadline for Consolidated/Consolidated Line: School District Trustees and Regular Special Election. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-833 and 37-7-225*)

## **NOVEMBER**

**3<sup>rd</sup>** **SPECIAL ELECTION DAY**: School board trustee elections in some counties (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-833*)

**24<sup>th</sup>** **RUNOFF ELECTION**: School board trustee elections in some counties (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-833*)